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IN A TUBE, AND TEST KIT USING
SUCH A DEVICE

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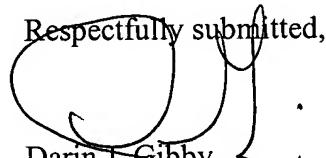
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